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FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN....The news and discussion about the ACA (The Affordable care Act / OBAMACARE) is constant. Some are promoting it strongly while others have tried to get it declared unconstitutional. To accomplish that the House of Representatives has voted 43 times to not fund Obamacare. Each time the House has sent the defunding bill to the Senate they have rejected the bill.

While all of this has been going on, librarians around the country, with the help of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the American Library Association (ALA), have been working on a way to fulfill their mission to provide information to people who use libraries in order to get information on virtually any topic.

Some library trustees (not in New Hampshire) have instructed the librarians in their libraries to not provide any assistance on the topic of the ACA. New Hampshire librarians understand that as with all topics that are presented to them they need to provide complete unbiased information. Although the roll out of the information resources about the ACA have proceeded somewhat slowly, New Hampshire librarians have done a good job of advising people about where they can seek assistance.

Many libraries have used the webinars developed by WebJunction and the official federal websites to help patrons to understand this complicated program. A number of libraries have been proactive in their efforts by hosting groups such as AARP to discuss the ACA in a detailed unbiased way. The current situation, with respect to the confusion over the ACA and the federal government shutdown, is that New Hampshire libraries simply continue to do what they always do - provide an outstanding level of service in spite of obstacles placed in their way.

- Michael York, State Librarian

OVERDRIVE'S DIGITAL BOOKMOBILE VISITS N.H.

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In late August, New Hampshire residents were able to learn about downloadable e-Book and digital audio-books, hands-on, when OverDrive's Digital Bookmobile visited Portsmouth, Concord and Hudson.

The Bookmobile showcased the free downloadable services that are available to New Hampshire library card holders 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the N.H. Downloadable Books Consortium, which is coordinated by the State Library.

Housed in a 74-foot tractor trailer, the Bookmobile is equipped with broadband Internet-connected PCs, high definition monitors, premium sound systems and a variety of portable media players. It is operated by OverDrive, the N.H. Downloadable Books Consortium's e-Book provider.

More than 288 people visited the Digital Bookmobile during its three stops in New Hampshire.

To learn more about the N.H. Downloadable Books Consortium, visit <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com>.

FALL PROGRAMMING AT LINCOLN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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SKY WATCH with NH Astronomical Society

We all look into the night sky and wonder about all the stars and beautiful shiny objects. Join us on Monday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m. and we will investigate what we are looking at, and then go outside and see for ourselves, through telescopes. The NHAS will give us a brief talk about the NIGHT SKY then we will go to the back field of Lin-Wood School and look through the telescopes. Free and open to all interested parties. Please call 745-8159 and reserve your seat, as space is limited.

Other programs during October include -

(All programs are free and open to the public, please RSVP to 745-8159)

- Photo Editing Workshop with Ivan Strickon, October 9th, 16th and 30th at 6:00 p.m. Presented by AARP.
- Find your way around the NEW Health care law - October 8th at 6:00 p.m. Presented by AARP.
- Financial Seminars with Flatiron Financial Group, October 10th, November 12th and December 14th at 3:00 p.m. Presented by Flatiron Financial Group.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR AN UNDERSERVED LIBRARY POPULATION

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On Thursday, September 26th, Lisa Houde, Head of Youth Services at the Rye Public Library, presented on the topic *LGBTIQ Teens: The Library's Hidden Youth* at the NHLA YALS one-day conference. In this program, Lisa shared her research findings concerning this at-risk group, as well as her own study of pertinent New Hampshire public library holdings. Overall, libraries in the State have improved their holdings serving this population, but Houde asserted that a serious look must be taken at individual collections.

If you assume your community might not need to be concerned, think again. As we know, the public library serves all members of their respective communities, and Houde stated that national research indicates LGBTIQ youth are in virtually every community across the country.

While life has improved for this population, studies still indicate that LGBTIQ teens are 4-6 times more likely to engage in harmful activities, including suicide, than their heterosexual peers.

As the library is often the only safe place these teens can go for information resources to help them discover their identities and find information about coming out, public libraries need to meet the needs of this group by providing access through adding selected titles to the collection.

Lisa has shared her presentation slides and a suggested select bibliography at <http://ryepubliclibrary.org/category/services/yalspresentation/>.

"NEXT GREAT READ"

Features Book Reviews by Nashua Library Staff

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In September the Nashua Public Library introduced "Next Great Read": online book (and occasionally movie) reviews by library staff.

Library Director Jen Hinderer writes about mysteries, historical fiction, and audiobooks. Supervisor of Teen Services Sophie Smith recommends nonfiction, as well as fiction that's written for teens but appeals to adults too. Supervisor of Circulation Loren Rosson writes about fantasy and horror and occasionally about films. And Outreach and Community Services Coordinator Carol Eyman recommends mainstream, historical, and literary fiction.

The library's purpose in launching the blog was not only to provide reader and viewer advisory but also to demonstrate the benefit to the community of employing library staff who are professionally trained, have a deep knowledge of the collection, and have the skills to communicate that knowledge to the public. For that reason, the full name, bio, and photo of the writer are included in each post.

Take a look at "Next Great Read" at www.nashualibrary.org/nextgreatread, where you can subscribe via RSS feed or by e-mail.

NH LIBRARIANS' DAY
Thursday, September 12, 2013

eppur si muove

" "And yet it moves" ([Italian](#): *Eppur si muove*; [\[ep'pur si 'mwT've\]](#)) is a phrase said to have been uttered before the [Inquisition](#) by the Italian mathematician, physicist and philosopher [Galileo Galilei](#) (1564–1642) in 1633 after being forced to recant that the earth moves around the sun. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/And_yet_it_moves"

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An early morning blurry eyed gathering at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
We all took our shoes and belts off, we emptied our pockets and braced for a pat down.
Public, school, trustees, and state administrators; we all shuffled on to our airborne transport.

Sleepy information professionals
Nervous Nina
Bands of librarians from Nottingham and Holderness

An uneventful flight for those who slept, coffee or tea for those who didn't.
Disembarked we lost and then found six of our crew. Guess they didn't have that second cup of joe!
A shuttle bus to the train station, waiting in line for our round-trip tickets.
We didn't use the elevator to traverse the tracks, we used the stairs because we are used to climbing great heights - "we are from NH."
Trains - how come we were always facing the wrong direction?

NH librarians in awe at Union Station. Our fearless leader led us through the layers of stimulation, the hustle and bustle, the cacophony of humanity.
WOW - look at the statue (and the evidence of a wild time the night before; a sweatshirt, an empty soda can, and a thong!). Hey, there is the Capitol!
Trekking down 2nd Avenue, embraced by the Supreme Court, the Congressional Offices, and spectacular landscaping. Granite and marble, sandstone and fieldstone, who else walked down this street today? Did they see the beauty or was it just another day?
A private little fist pump in front of the Supreme Court for their stand on DOMA!
Stop and take a breath. Sitting along wall facing the Capital we see for the first the time large statue atop the rotunda. Remembering the architecture from televised coverage of inaugurations, funeral procession and protests.

Security clearance; oh you silly librarians, potato chips and muffins are considered a food item. None of that in the Capitol mind you! Waiting our turn for the great tour, a walk through the exhibit hall, checking out the statuary, and people watching.

It's our turn! "Here is your pass - you must put this on or you won't get in!" "Hey, we have been barcoded - how does that feel Ms. Tech Services?" We wait in line only to wait in line. We received our personal listening devices - oh how James Bond!

Off to the Library of Congress (LOC), through a series of tunnels so as not to have to face the heat of Washington.

Beauty, majesty, pomp and circumstances beyond our control - didn't get to see everything but we did get to spend time in the Member's Room...a privilege few are offered.

A dark auditorium, illuminated by the enlightened Librarian of Congress, Dr. James Billington. Shifting thoughts, project updates, and directions for the future...he offered inspiration to those who listened.

"You are on your own! Union Station is that way." Which way? Around the block we went, oops we just went around the block. Rushing to catch the 4:20 p.m. train, skies over Washington darker than night. Air is heavy.

Murphy's law: Rushing to catch the 4:20 train so you can catch your 6:20 flight. If you go to one train all the way at the end of the track it isn't going to be the train you need. No, yours is all the way at the other side of the station all the way at the end of that track.

"Do you do this every day?" "Yes, it is easier than driving."

"I just heard that all the flights out of BWI have been cancelled, something about a lightning strike." "There are no flights out of BWI - get in my cab and I will drive you around, show you the sights." "No need to rush, the airport is closed."

Ugh, the serpentine line goes on forever.

We opt to go to the departure gate.

Random acts of kindness got us on a plane that night.

We shared a meal. Ring, ring. Our 8:20 flight has been moved to 10:00. Ring, ring. Our 10:00 flight has been changed to 10:55. "It hasn't been canceled."

"We will begin board for 'MANCHVEGAS' at Gate A-6" A roar from the crowd. Exhausted but relieved we shuffle onto the plane.

IT DID MOVE and some of us made it home by 1 AM.

Random acts of kindness got us on a plane that night - Forty odd people didn't.

Sue Nault (UMASS Lowell) and I want to add our voices and repeat what a great day it was! It was great to meet everyone and the activities were ones that will always be remembered. Even all the mix up with flight home will give us something to talk about for a long time! Thanks for all the effort put into organizing the day!

- Marguerite Grant
Technical Services
Rodgers Memorial Library
Hudson

I think I laughed more on this trip than I have in any previous years! Even tho BWI had its problems, things were all adjusted and we survived! The snags we encountered gave me a greater awareness of people around me and a connection with them! I was grateful for this. I do have to say that Dr. Billington needs an associate with him to bring his focus back to questions asked.

- Marsha Whitney
South Meadow School
Peterborough

New Hampshire Librarians' Day 2013, what a trip! The tours of the Capitol Building and the Library of Congress were very enjoyable and informative. The buildings are beautiful inside and out and the history fascinating. One of the things in the Capitol building that really caught my attention was the art. The sculptures and paintings tell stories of American history. One of my favorites is the *Frieze of American History*, a painting that resembles a sculpture and tells of significant events using nineteen scenes. Floor to ceiling, the architecture and décor of the Library of Congress are amazing. I would have loved more time to spend exploring the library, using the reading room, and talking with staff. It was a treat to sit with the Librarian of Congress, Dr. James Billington and to hear him speak on topics including the future of libraries. On the train ride back to the airport I was thinking how I wished I had booked a later flight so I would have more time to explore. Late flight wish...granted! It was quite the adventure, one not soon forgotten!

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HOWE LIBRARY RECEIVES INNOVATION AWARD

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We are thrilled to announce that Howe Library, in partnership with the Norwich (VT) Public Library, has been selected for the 2013 Business Innovator of the Year Award given by the Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce in recognition of the libraries' ingenuity and creativity in enhancing the vitality of the community. A special celebration will be held on Tuesday, November 12th with cocktails from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. at the Top of the Hop (Hopkins Center for the Arts) and dinner from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Alumni Hall (Hopkins Center for the Arts).

This award acknowledges everyone's love and support for the Howe - Hanover and other Upper Valley residents, our many volunteers and generous donors, the dedicated board of trustees, and our top-notch staff. This truly is your award and we are very grateful for your help in making the Howe such a vibrant community center.

Chamber Awards Event Co-Chairs, Doug Wise and Sandy Torget, stated, "It is without question Howe Library is a critical and vibrant contributor to the cultural, academic and lifestyle dimensions for all residents and visitors."

Howe Library supporters wishing to join us at this special event may purchase tickets online, via the Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce website - <http://bit.ly/uxfo5B> or by calling the Chamber at (603) 643-3115.

SARAH JOSEPHA HALE MEMORIAL PARK, NEWPORT

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On November 23rd at 3:00 p.m. the Richards Free Library will dedicate the Sarah Josepha Hale Memorial Park, to become New Hampshire's first designated United Libraries Literacy Landmark and celebrate the 150th anniversary of the creation of Thanksgiving as a national American holiday.

Designed to be both educational and contemplative, this permanent historic monument honors the legacy of Newport native Sarah Joseph Buell Hale (1788-1879). Hale grew up in Newport and became a major 19th century author and activist for social reform. She maintained a position of great cultural influence for over 50 years as the first woman editor to serve a major publication (*Godeys' Lady's Book*). She is responsible for a 17 year campaign to make Thanksgiving a national holiday finally convincing Abraham Lincoln to sign the proclamation in November of 1863.

Sculptor Jari Mannisto, one of the most distinguished contemporary sculptors in Finland designed and executed the monument. In 2011 his sculpture *Family Tree*, a memorial to Newport's Finnish immigrants, was installed in front of the Newport Senior Center on South Main Street. His latest project has been a series of bronze sculptures at Virkkalanpuisto Park in Helsinki, a joint project with the well-known American sculptor Robert Wilson.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOOK COLUMN**

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Bowman, Erin. **TAKEN**. Harper Teen, 2013. \$17.00 ISBN: 978-0-06-211726-7
Fiction for teens.

THE GEOLOGY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S WHITE MOUNTAINS. Durand Press, 2013.
ISBN: 0-9708324-8-1

Described in the Preface as a "geologic journey through time in New Hampshire's White Mountains."

Gilbert-Smith, Alma. **MAXFIELD PARRISH: THE SECRET LETTERS (1936-1941)**. Alma Gilbert Books, 2012. ISBN: 0-6157-9397-5

Kelly, L.J.R. Illustrated by Yoko Tanaka. **BLANKET & BEAR, A REMARKABLE PAIR**. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2013. ISBN: 978-0-399-25681-3
Children's fiction.

Kepner, Linda. **SECOND CHANCE SISTER**. Crimson Romance, 2012. \$14.95
ISBN: 978-1-44056257-0

LILACS: A NEW HAMPSHIRE PERSPECTIVE. Katie Bentley Memorial Charity, 2013.

Luedeke, Lisa. **SMASHED**. Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2013. \$16.99 ISBN: 978-1-4424-2779-2
Novel about emotional and other problems of high school students.

Lunderville, Viola Sawyer. **A NOT-SO-SMALL-TIME TOWN: GROWING UP IN PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**. Archway Publishing, 2013.
The author reflects on growing up in Plainfield.

MacDonald, Ken. **THE PELLET STOVE ALMANACK: HOME HEATING JOINS THE 21st CENTURY**. With illustrations by Sam Guay. 2012 ISBN: 978-0-615-74558-9

Mansfield, Howard. **DWELLING IN POSSIBILITY: SEARCHING FOR THE SOUL OF SHELTER**. Bauhan Publishing, 2013. ISBN: 978-0-87233-167-9

New Hampshire author Mansfield searches for an answer to the question of what makes a house a home.

Marshall, Thomas, Elizabeth. **A MILLION YEARS WITH YOU: A MEMOIR OF LIFE OBSERVED**. Houghton Mifflin, 2013. \$25.00 ISBN: 978-0-547-76395-8

Mickey, Thomas J. **AMERICA'S ROMANCE WITH THE ENGLISH GARDEN**. Ohio University Press, 2013. ISBN: 978-0-8214-2035-5

History of the beginnings of the modern garden industry with color photographs. New Hampshire author.

Morin, Mike. **FIFTY SHADES OF RADIO: TRUE STORIES OF A MORNING RADIO GUY BEING WIRED, TIRED AND FIRED.** Plaidswede Publishing, 2013. \$19.95
ISBN: 978-0-9837400-9-4

Phillips, Michael. **THE HOLISTIC ORCHARD: TREE FRUITS AND BERRIES THE BIOLOGICAL WAY.** Cheslea Green Publishing, 2011. \$39.95 ISBN: 978-1-93392-13-4
Provides basic information on orchard design and care.

Reinitzer, Ilona. **THE NINE LIVES OF JULIUS: A TRUE STORY OF SURVIVAL.** Xlibris Corporation, 2012. ISBN: 978-1-4767-0612-9
The author tells the story of her father who escaped a Nazi concentration camp and joined the Czech underground.

Stahr, Walter. **SEWARD: LINCOLN'S INDISPENSABLE MAN.** Simon & Schuster, 2012 \$32.50
ISBN: 978-1-4391-2116-0
By the author of **John Jay: Founding Father.**

Thomas, Lorrie. **EQUILIBRIUM.** Kensington Books, 2013. \$15.00 ISBN: 978-0-7582-8577-5

Velie, Dianalee. **THE ALCHEMY OF DESIRE: POEMS.** Plain View Press, 2013. \$14.95
ISBN: 978-1-935514-05-3
The author lives and writes in Newbury, New Hampshire.

Wetherbee, Fritz. **MILESTONE: MORE STORIES FROM FRITZ WETHERBEE'S NEW HAMPSHIRE.** Plaidswede Publishing, 2013. \$19.95 ISBN: 978-0-9837400-7-0
Contains an index to all eight of the author's books.

Winters, Ben H. **COUNTDOWN CITY: THE LAST POLICEMAN BOOK II.** Quirk Books, 2013. \$14.95 ISBN: 978-1-59474-626-0
Second novel in the Last Policeman trilogy. Set in Concord, N.H.

Zizza, Susan. **DIXVILLE, COLEBROOK, COLOMBIA, AND STEWARTSTOWN.** Arcadia Publishing, 2013. \$21.99 ISBN: 978-0-7385-9805-5
Another in the Images of America series with many historic black and white photographs.

USE OF SMALL AND RURAL LIBRARIES GROWS IN DIGITAL AGE

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) newly released brief, *The State of Small and Rural Libraries in the United States*, provides the agency's first targeted analysis of trends for rural and small library services. The report gives a national overview of the distribution, service use, fiscal health, and staffing at small libraries. One of the report's surprising findings is the sheer number of public libraries that can be classified as either small or rural.

Key findings include:

- Of the 8,956 public libraries in the United States in FY 2011, 77.1 percent can be categorized as small. Almost half of all public libraries, 46.8 percent, were rural libraries. Their sheer number and broad distribution across the country speaks volumes about the value local communities place on library services.
Note: In 2012, 109 New Hampshire public libraries were "small" (98.0%) and 164 were "rural" (74.2%).
- In FY2011, there were 167.6 million recorded visits to rural public libraries, a number that has increased by 4.2 percent over the past three years, and there were 301.2 million visits to small public libraries in FY2011, a three-year increase of 4.6 percent. The fact that service use continues to increase in rural areas is a testament to their resilience and continued relevance to rural life.
Note: In 2012, NH rural libraries reported 3.1 million visits, a two year increase of 3.8%.
- There were 49,048 publicly accessible computer terminals in rural libraries in FY2011, a three-year increase of 20.2 percent in comparison to urban public libraries, rural libraries have higher per-capita levels of publicly accessible Internet computers and e-books. Given the lag in broadband access in rural communities when compared to suburban and urban areas, this further emphasizes the strong role public libraries play in providing access to the critical digital resources that are directly related to 21st-century skills.
Note: In 2012, the number of Internet-connected computers in NH rural libraries had increased 10.6% over two years from 519 to 574.*

The 13 page IMLS brief, *the State of Small and Rural Libraries in the United States*, is online at www.imls.gov/assets/1/Asset Manager/Brief2013_05.pdf.

*Source: NH Public Library Statistics 2010 and 2012.

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**NEW HAMPSHIRE RETIRING LIBRARIANS
and NEW LIBRARY PERSONNEL**

RETIREMENT:

- Gayle St Cyr, Rodgers Memorial Library, Hudson retired on May 31st after 21 years of service

NEW:

- Danny Arsenault, Rodgers Memorial Library, Hudson completed his Master of Library and Information Science from Kent State University and started May 13th as full-time Adult/Teen Services Librarian;
- Marguerite Grant, Rodgers Memorial Library, Hudson started January 22nd as a part-time Technical Services Library Assistant;
- Emily Vanderverter, Rodgers Memorial Library, Hudson began January 28th as a part-time Children's Library Assistant;
- Kelley Swan, Rodgers Memorial Library, Hudson started June 3rd as a part-time Children's Library Assistant;
- Linda Pilla, Rodgers Memorial Library, Hudson started June 17th as a part-time Reference Library Assistant;
- Laurie Jasper, Rodgers Memorial Library, Hudson started July 15th as a part-time Reference and Local History Library Assistant.

CULTURAL RESOURCES' ANNUAL RAY BURTON TOUR VISITS NORTH COUNTRY LIBRARIES

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On August 9, 2013, the Department of Cultural Resources visited three libraries as part of its annual "Councilor Ray Burton Tour" of cultural sites in District 1. This year, the tour focused on Conway, North Conway, Intervale and Jackson.

State Librarian Michael York, along with Commissioner Van McLeod and directors from the Department, met with library directors, staff and trustees from Conway Public Library, North Conway Public Library and Jackson Public Library over the course of the day. They also toured sites related to the work done by the Department's Division of Historical Resources and the State Council on the Arts, as well as by the N.H. Film and Television Office.



Councilor Ray Burton and North Conway Public Library Director, Andrea Masters.



Cultural Resources 2013 Tour - Conway Public Library

TOUR GIVEN OF LANGDON LIBRARY RENOVATION

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"Transparency" is the word when it comes to the renovation and expansion project at Langdon Library. "We're trying to be as transparent as we can. Our project is an open book," Library Director Scott Campbell said as a handful of residents gathered for a tour of the construction site on Nimble Hill Road.

The tour offered interested residents a chance to see the progress that has been made on the \$1.79 million addition and renovation. The foundation is in the ground, a basement area has been established and crews are a couple of weeks away from starting the framing of the addition, said Construction Manager Jeff Parks, from Bauen Corp.

There was much debate over the scope of the project before voters narrowly approved it at Town Meeting in March. With the foundation now in place, people are able to see the true size of the addition, Campbell said. "We're at the point now where people say, 'Oh, that's it?'" he said. Parks said they hope to have the addition completed by late January or early February, at which point the new portion will open and the old portion will close for renovations.

Campbell said there are some challenges to operating a library in a construction zone. "This has never been a quiet library," he said, "but never quite like this." He said some of the machinery shakes the old library building and rattles its windows. "We're used to that with the air traffic," he said, referring to the planes flying from the nearby runway at the Portsmouth International Airport at Pease.

The library will be equipped with certain energy efficiencies, including propane heat to replace a roughly 40-year-old oil furnace, insulation thicker than home insulation and clerestory windows that will provide passive heat and lighting, Parks said. Campbell, pointing to "Lake Langdon," an area in front of the library that frequently floods during heavy rains, said the library received a grant to work with the University of New Hampshire on installing rain gardens to improve the conditions.

Additional construction updates will be provided to the public at tours on October 18, November 15 and December 13.

NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE MOBILE APP

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On Friday, September 20, 2013, the new NLS BARD mobile app for iPhone, iPad, and iTouch became available for all patrons registered for the Services to Persons with Disabilities' Talking Book Library. This free app allows registered library patrons to download books from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped website directly to their mobile device. The BARD site currently has almost 50,000 book titles and 60 magazines available to patrons utilizing this service. For more information about the mobile app and Talking Book Library services, please contact the library at (603) 271-3429 or (800) 491-4200. Please also visit our website at: www.nh.gov/nhsl/talking_books/.

GROUDBREAKING AT ABBOTT LIBRARY, SUNAPEE

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from her e-mail of October 7, 2013

"Many of you know that the Abbott Library in Sunapee has been trying to get a new library built for over 13 years. This last Capital Campaign was finally able to make this dream a reality. This was accomplished through many volunteers and their hard work, but especially by the Abbott Library Foundation, which has been led wonderfully by Melinda (Mindy) Flater. The Abbott Library Foundation worked hard to get a \$975,000 bond article passed this last March and also raised over \$1.3 million towards the project.

"This morning at the Sunapee Town Office Meeting Room, Fred Gallup, Chair of the Board of Selectmen; Terri Jillson White, Chair of the Abbott Library Trustees and Melinda S. Flater, Chair of the Abbott Library Foundation, met to sign the Tripartite Agreement which will allow construction of the "New" Abbott Library to begin. In addition, Chairman Gallup signed the contract with Trumbull-Nelson Construction Company who will be serving as Construction Manager of the new Library project. Peter Tennant of Tennant-Wallace Architects in Manchester is the architect for the project.

Construction will begin within the next couple of weeks with a completion date in the summer of 2014. The public will be invited to a groundbreaking ceremony as soon as a date has been selected.

SUMMER READING BRINGS NEW PARTNERSHIPS

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This summer was all about collaboration for the Merrimack Public Library. Our town's Parks and Recreation Department got us off to a great start there by connecting with us to partner for their Summer Concert Series. This partnership proved to be greatly beneficial to both parties: the Library was able to have three guest performers this year for only a third of the price at the town's beautiful bandstand and the Parks Concert numbers were boosted by our patrons. Both our Kickoff and Finale parties were concert events, and our teens got to enjoy a local rock band Haley and the Cranks, dancing in the aisles to covers of their favorite songs by Imagine Dragons, Jet and the like.



Steve Blunt and freinds perform at our summer reading finale concert. Photo by patron Holly Perry.



Local teen Maddie came dressed in full on punk-rock fashion to celebrate her love of rock music at our Haley and the Cranks concert with the Parks Department.

The library also hooked up with the Public Works department for our first Big Truck Day, which was one of the most popular events of the summer. We squished four construction vehicles in the library lot, donned hard hats for the staff (and plastic ones for the kids), and let the kids loose. It was good noisy fun, and it was particularly enjoyable to see the construction workers showing such pride in their work as they showed off what those big trucks can do!

Lastly, we joined up with a local small business in town, the Cupcake Conspiracy, who came in as a guest celebrity judges for our Teen Cupcake Wars. Emulating the popular Food Network Show, teens decorated pre-baked cupcakes based on a holiday theme, then put together a small cake stand to show off their best cupcakes. They thoughtfully presented their work, then excitedly scarfed down the entries.



Team "Eggheads" won "tastiest Cupcakes" at Teen Cupcake Wars with their Easter-themed dessert presentation.

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